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NOTICE SOCIALIST!
There will be a meeting of the Socialists of Scott county at Oran, Saturday, Dec. 6. It is desirable that there be a large attendance from all points of the county. Remember, "Scott County for Socialism in 1912." Be there! Earlie Slinkard, Co. Sec.

THE ANNUAL MEETING.
Directors and stockholders of the Kicker met in the office Monday to see how things were getting along. The books of Secretary Miller were examined and approved—showing a balance of \$69.53 in excess of expenditures for the year.

That isn't much—less than 3 percent on the investment. But look at what this paper has had to go up against during the past year! It was the most unscrupulous fight ever made against a country newspaper. Unlimited capital and the powers of "the law" were turned against it.

First the court house organ was sent to many people free—that is to say, it appeared to be free, but all taxpayers helped to foot the bill. Then came the automobile "contest." Then show-ers of filth—and the suit for libel. But the outcome is a decided victory for the Kicker. The court house organ and its off-spring at Illinois are hopeless wrecks, and the last issue of the Hand-Organ would indicate that dry rot had set in. But the Kicker is here just a little stronger than ever.

For 1912 C. M. Weaver was elected president; J. H. Brannan, vice-president; Phil A. Hafner, secretary-treasurer; Solomon Diebold and Lorenz Seyer, members of the board.

For a while A. Q. Miller will go south. He is severely afflicted with catarrh of the head and thinks the southern climate will be beneficial during the winter.

Under the circumstances the directors seemed satisfied that the paper did not come out in debt. Owing to the smallness of the earnings no dividend was declared and the amount carried over to the present year.

The Kicker is at least all here, while the paper that tried to run it out is hopelessly in debt, its building advertised for sale—its editor gone.

Bring on another hose!

DIDN'T GET EM.

We didn't get the 200 for December. Too many Sunshine's. We got 152 against 160 a year ago. Of these Sol Diebold of New Hamburg, rounded up five. Martin Bisher, of the same place, dropped in with three. Judge Al-brant, of Illinois; Jas. A. Smith, of Benton; and E. M. Gregory, of Morley and Joe Gosche, of Kelo, got in with two each. Frank Feldon, of Rockview; S. D. Boyett of Lusk; Ed. Garvey, of Commerce; Jas. Caraker, of Benton; and Henry Eichinger, of New Hamburg, made it one each. Following are the faithful since last issue:

Bleda—Antone Goehs, Joe Pobst Commerce—Alex Burger, J. M. Spradlin, L. P. Totty, Ed. Garvey, E. A. Johnson, W. J. Worsley H. Wahl.

Oran—

R. L. Niswanger, John J. Klippel, Leo J. Legrand, Wm. Schott, A. Estes, N. Daumenmueller, Louis Schramm.

Kelo—Otto Heisserer, Emil Ledure, Joe Goehs.

New Hamburg—Antone Glastetter, Phil J. Westrich, Martin Bisher, Louis Schlitter, John Stike, Antone L. Hahn, Lawrence Bisher, Rockview—C. J. Carleton.

Morley—B. S. Cud, J. B. Kirkpatrick, L. B. Brown, E. M. Gregory, O. L. Gregory, M. G. Bryant, J. T. Hamilton.

Benton—Tobias Caraker, Mrs. F. M. Hodgkins, John A. Kern, Otto Mertz, Joe L. Scherer, Robert Hinkle, J. A. Smith, W. A. Miller.

Chaffee—Joe A. Legrand, Louis Kilhafer, Mrs. Katie Westrich, Randless—Joe Schlosser, August Halter, Peter Bollinger, Frank Thomas.

Illmo—J. W. Albrecht, John T. Boss, Vince Duval.

Diehlstadt—Ben Berns.

Blodgett—W. C. Marshall.

John Gosche, Farmington; G. A. Vinard, Bloomfield; Mrs. Lena Reubelle and Mrs. Bell Hegarty, St. Louis; L. L. Nuckles, Clark-ton; Ben. Brooks, Charleston; W. J. Kindred, Corning, Ark.; Jas. A. High, Cairo, Ill.; Bass Hutton, Ryeville, Ohio.

The new year opened up nicely. The first huster showed up with seven. Others with two and three. Get busy. The wind is blowing our way. Will tell you about those that arrived since Dec. 31 in the next issue.

MARRIAGE LICENSE.

Were issued to the close of the year as follows:

Robt. Couch, Sikeston.

Miss Stella Robertson, Sikeston.

Miss Ada Jacobs, Crowder.

Albert Minner, Morley.

Miss Mamie Stone, Sikeston.

Harley Finley, Benton.

Miss Edith Cannon, Benton.

Wm. E. Alberson, Sikeston.

Miss Reale Ferrer, Sikeston.

Phillip Bama, Commerce.

Miss Bertie Everette, Commerce.

CARD OF THANKS.

We take this method of expressing our deepest thanks to the neighbors for the great assistance and kindness shown during the recent illness and death of our darling baby—Alma Mary.

MR. AND MRS. PHIL HARNES.

Truth is mighty—but it has a devil of a time staying on top.

COUNTY COURT.
County court met Dec. 22 and granted saloon license to J. V. Bandy, Chaffee; Lon Nall and J. W. Jackson, Sikeston. The petition of J. W. Welter, Sikeston, was withdrawn.

Coroner Tate was allowed \$8.10 for summoning jurors and waiting on court; R. A. Kingsbury, \$9.95, postage and incidentals; Jas. McPheeters, \$296.68, clerk's fees.

HERE AND YONDER.

How many home-owning farmers are there in Morley township? How many in Sandywoods township? How many in Richland township? How many in Tywappity township? You can count the number in either on the fingers of your hands—and if it wasn't for the hills that the landlords don't want you could say the same for the rest of the township. Tenants won't haul straw to cork up the washes in hill land—hence hill land is not a good investment for him who eats, but does not work.

J. W. Huff died at his home near the Rock Levee, north of Fornefelt, on December 21, aged 61 years, of pneumonia. He leaves a widow and seven children. Last year Mr. Huff lived on one of Joe Moore's places, southeast of Benton and moved to his late home only a few weeks ago. He came to Scott county from Middle Tennessee and in 1873 married Miss Prissy Reynolds. He was an old fellow and was buried in the Pollard cemetery south of Benton.

With the beginning of the year 1912 the Kicker is again able to announce that it has the largest circulation of any paper in Scott county. The Kicker never lies about its circulation and has not made this claim during the past year. The automobile "contest" of a year ago put the Organ in the lead by about 400. But the dupes didn't renew, but came back to the old reliable Kicker that works no fakes.

It was not a merry Christmas for Mr. and Mrs. Joe L. Scherer, of Sandywoods. Climbing on a chair, their 15-month-old baby caused the chair to topple over. The child fell against a hot stove and its face and hands were severely burned. Mr. Scherer was here Saturday and said the baby was getting along very well, but far from well.

Word was received here that Clarence Shanks, who was implicated in the stabbing of Chas. Oliver at a box supper at the Hooe school house, had been caught and jailed at Union City, Tenn. Sheriff Guber went there, but Shanks had cut his way thru the brick wall and escaped.

Joe Schlosser and August Halter of Randless spent Christmas with old friends at New Hamburg. Mr. Schlosser has had built a dwelling, smoke-house, hen house and hog stable, and Joe Pobst, who did the work, wants to be known as the boss carpenter.

Henry Eichinger and John Goehs of New Hamburg were Kicker callers last week, and Henry had figured it out that a year's reading of the Kicker would be a good Christmas present for his brother-in-law, Adam Heisserer, at Dutchtown.

Near Kelo, during the holidays, Thos. Duval was considerably injured by being run over by a rig driven by Emil Ledure. It seems that Mr. Ledure was coming up behind Mr. Duval, who is hard of hearing and stepped in front of the team.

Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Hughes, of below Commerce, were here last week and Mrs. Hughes told of the accidental killing on his place of Edwin, the 12-year-old son of Dr. and Mrs. Blackledge, of Commerce while hunting December 26.

Several small boys, white and black, from Commerce, were hunting and the accidental or careless discharge of a gun in the hand of a darkey named Frank Dugless hit Edwin in the face and killed him instantly.

Joe Ross and son, Edwin, of near Kelo, were in Benton last week and reported the death of Frank Messner on the night of December 25. He was found dead in his bed the next morning.

Vince Duval of Commerce town ship was here and reported the sale of 63 turkeys to the powder company at Fayetteville for \$140.04. Of the turkeys Mrs. Duval raised thirty-eight.

Mr. and Mrs. Martin Bisher of New Hamburg, and their daughter, Mrs. Katie Westrich, of Chaffee, spent Thursday last week with the family of Warren Hooker, near Carr.

John J. Klippel and Wm. Schott, near Oran, and Louis Kilhafer of Chaffee, were here last week. Mr. Klippel and Mr. Kilhafer think of locating in New Madrid county.

W. C. Marshall and J. A. Collins of near Blodgett, were Kicker visitors last week. They say a great many tenants are moving out.

George Kern of New Hamburg, and his son, John A., were in Benton last week. John will move to the Allen farm near Benton.

Wilson and Emmett Jacobs, of Crowder, came up Friday to visit the family of their uncle, J. W. Jacobs, returning Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Peter Bollinger, of Randless, spent Christmas with the family of his brother, John Bollinger, near Benton.

Henry Elfert of Commerce town ship, and J. T. Hamilton and T. A. Cooper, of Morley, were here Saturday.

L. L. Nuckles and J. A. Thompson of Hickory Grove were here last week. Mr. Nuckles has moved to Cardway.

John Wahl and his sister, Miss Lorena, of Commerce, have gone to St. Louis to seek employment.

John Bryant, of Gideon, Mo., spent the holidays with his uncle, M. G. Bryant, near Morley.

Ralph Wilson, one of the young men charged with the stabbing of Charles Oliver, had his preliminary

hearing at Morley and was held to the circuit court and released on \$500 bond on Dec. 30.

Among the holiday deaths was that of Miss Elvora Ross, at Commerce, aged 82 years. In her younger days Miss Ross was a school teacher and taught the editor his letters at Santa Fe, Ill. Her father was one of the very few in Scott county who had the courage to vote for Lincoln in 1860. Miss Ross was an aunt to Mrs. Dr. Frazer and Mrs. W. H. Hutton, of Commerce, and County Clerk McPheeters, of Benton. She was buried on the hill above Commerce.

The deluded followers of the Democratic donkey in this county should subscribe for the Kicker and get the Democratic news. The Democratic organs appeared last week, but not a line appeared about the most important Democratic event—the sudden departure of the Grand Mogul. Read a paper that gives the news.

W. A. Ward, of St. Louis, secretary of the Christian Socialist Fellowship, is the newly elected state secretary of the Socialist party. And yet some idiots will yaw about Socialism being agin religion.

The Kicker wants a good live correspondent in every neighborhood where it has as many as a dozen readers. We are going to make the Kicker that nobody can do without. Help us.

Coal and Wood—I have plenty of good 6-inch washed coal. Call me up when in need of coal or wood. George Kenner, Fornefelt, Mo.

5-2t
Sol Diebold and family visited his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Diebold, at Schererville, during the holidays.

Mrs. Ramsey, of St. Louis spent the holidays with her daughter, Mrs. Andy Lane of Sandywoods. Get your 1912 Kicker Calendar.

C. A. Leedy, a former probate judge of this county, now of Plattburg, was here Monday. Louis Schlitter and Nick Daumenmueller of the New Hamburg settlement, were here Friday.

J. O. Hees, Leo J. Legrand and A. E. Estes, all of Oran, paid the Kicker a visit last week. John Enderle and Otto and Alois Heisserer of near Kelo were in Benton last week.

Harley Finley and Miss Edith Cannon were married by Rev. Lem-ton December 24.

George Vinard of Bloomfield, spent the holidays among Scott county friends.

B. J. and Albert Enderle near Kelo, were callers at the Kicker office Tuesday.

Fritz Lipps spent Christmas here with the family of his son, Charley.

Uncle Sam Worley went to the Cape last week to have his eyes treated.

Joe Schaefer and Joe Bleas, of Kelo township, were here Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Nick Schlosser, of New Hamburg were here Tuesday. Mrs. Fritz Glastetter is reported very sick.

Strayed—A Poland-China boar marked split and crop off of left ear and split in right. Reward. Joe Enderle, Illmo, Mo. 5-2t

FROM ORAN.
Mrs. Wm. Pfefferkorn of Chaffee visited the families of Joseph Pfefferkorn and Frank Enderle during the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. Jake Goetz of Morehouse spent Christmas with her mother, Mrs. Joseph Walter. Leading Democrats here have a "lost something" look since the disappearance of editor Rucker.

Barney Selman went to Illinois Saturday to attend the funeral of his father, who died suddenly.

There were Christmas services at all of our churches, but there was no plea for the oppressed.

Mrs. Leo Halter came down from Chaffee to spend Xmas with relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Glastetter of Kelo were at Oran Friday.

Mrs. John D. Halter spent the holidays in St. Louis.

Subscribe for the only Kicker.

FROM RANDLES.
August Schlosser, who is attending school at New Hamburg, was home Christmas week.

Miss Emma Beardslee, who is attending school at Fredericktown, was home Christmas.

Wm. Jones was at Poplar Bluff Saturday, and Tom Stottler was at DeRay Sunday.

Miss Dora Seabough, our teacher, spent the holidays with home folks at Daisy.

Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Schaefer visited at New Hamburg and Kelo last week.

Louis Schlitt of New Hamburg, is here clearing for his brother, Leo Schlitt.

Mrs. Louis Kilhafer of Chaffee visited at Joe Schlosser's last week.

Louis and Leo Schlitt and Robt Halter were on Back Slough Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. L. O. Groseloe visited at Daisy during the holidays.

Mrs. Joe Glueck and Miss Anna Halter were at Perkins Monday.

Phillip Blattel and John Hurt are clearing for Theo. Strabler.

Earl Garrett, of Indiana is visiting his brother Edward here.

Law. Westrick of New Hamburg visited Otto Westrich Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Peter Bollinger visited at Benton last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Nick Brucker spent Christmas at Kelo.

Mr. and Mrs. Leo Schott spent Xmas with their parents.

Mr. and Mrs. Emil Bollinger visited at Oran Christmas.

Wm. Fisher of Illinois is visiting at Frank McGates.

Wm. Kern came down from New Hamburg Sunday.

Mrs. Frank Thomas and daughter went to Oran Sunday.

Joe Bradshaw, our barber, visited at Idalia Sunday.

Mrs. Jake Reichert spent Xmas at Bleda.

Get the Kicker for 1912.

FROM NEW HAMBURG.

It is reported that Frank Legrand, near Kelo, had a good cow shot by hunters last week. Joe Hahn, of Schererville, had 3 sheep killed by dogs recently. Sol Diebold had to get out one night and get the cows off his sow after the sow had been pretty badly torn up. Don't know about Mr. Legrand, but the rest had their land posted and the notices were destroyed and hunters still going there on. Now, Mr. Hunter, do you consider your "sport" and your cow dogs more important than the farmer's stock? And can you blame us if we protect our stock—even to the extent of killing your dogs?

On Christmas day our wagon-maker, Joe Compas, was seen coming swiftly up the street, and as the marshal was about to arrest him for violating the speed limit he learned that Joe had a brand new cook at his home and was going after something to cook. He named her Edith Mary. Frank Diebold and Edith Bollinger stood sponsors.

There is great complaint among the farmers about the present wheat buyer at the Oran mill. They are again thinking of organizing a union but this time a home union something like the home insurance, and ship their wheat out and their flour in, and let the mill do likewise.

Misses Olie and Sibilla Diebold spent Thursday with Misses Bertina, Colette and Alvina Compas of Kelo. Miss Alvina who has been home during the holidays returned Saturday to Kuma, Ill., to the Convent of Sisters.

The W. O. W. elected officers for the ensuing year as follows: Louis Hahn, council commander; A. L. Hahn and Adam Durnberger, bankers. It was decided to hold the meetings the first Saturday of each month.

Wm. Halter and Miss Cora Bles, of Oran, Miss Josie Deager, of Cape, Mrs. Phil Hafner and Miss Jessie Worley of Benton, visited the family of Solomon Diebold during the holidays.

On Christmas eve someone put cannon crackers in the mail boxes of John Hahn and Joe Klippel. If Uncle Sam should get next to the one who did it, somebody would wish he hadn't done it.

Isaac and Mrs. Herman Glueck last week a girl it was christened Paulina Bertha Colette George Heuring, and sister, Miss Bertha stood as sponsors.

Phillip Schlitter has sold some of his oak timber to W. A. Sullenberger, which he and his son Otto are cutting into saw logs.

Lawrence Bucher killed 21 hogs last week. Who said Uncle Lawrence didn't have sausage for the New Year?

Lawrence Schaefer and wife, of Randless, visited his uncle, Joseph Hahn, at Schererville, during the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. Bart Welch of Ironville spent the holidays with Mrs. Welch's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Melch.

Mr. and Mrs. Philip Heuring of Chaffee spent Xmas with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Eichorn.

Prof. Schulte and his choir deserve credit for the splendid singing during the holidays.

Fr. Moenig has a new automobile, a steam power, the first one of the kind around here.

Joe Pfefferkorn and wife began the new year by spending the day at Oran.

Donat Scherer, who was here on a visit, returned to Colorado last week.

The Halter boys of Oran spent Xmas with their mother here. Arthur Vetter went to Sandywoods Tuesday.

August Glaus and family, Albert Goetz and family and George Dumay and family spent Xmas with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Louis Goetz.

Wendell Kilhoefner and sister, Miss Paulina, and Miss Louise Legrand attended church here Christmas day.

Louis J. Legrand butchered hogs Wednesday, and John Durnberger Thursday. Wuu!

Louis Glastetter, Joe Schlosser and August Halter, of Randless, were among us Christmas.

Chas. Hutter and family spent Christmas with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Schlitt.

George Glaus moved on the Wm. Legrand farm, known as the Frank Schmidt place.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Goetz and August and Miss Dora Goetz were at Chaffee Monday.

Willie Goehs and family from Bleda spent Xmas day with his mother here.

Miss Bertha Seyer, of Chaffee, visited Mr. and Mrs. Albert Goetz Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Vogt, of Benton, attended church here Xmas. August Halter and Joe Schlosser were among us Christmas.

Peter Goehs was here from New Hamburg Wednesday.

John G. Scherer has gas light in his saloon and dwelling.

Mrs. Theo Westrich, of Chaffee, spent Christmas with us.

John Dumey, of Kelo was in Benton Wednesday.

Theon and Jacob Diebold were at Oran Friday.

Anton Hahn was over at Benton Wednesday.

Jacob and Joe Urhahn were at Oran Tuesday.

Matt Dumey was over at Benton Tuesday.

Mrs. Geo. Eichorn, who was sick is up again.

Whooping cough is among the children.

Alma Mary, the infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Phil Harnes, died December 28, 1911.

The little crib is empty now. Her little clothes laid by.

A mother's hope, a father's joy in death's embrace death lies.

A little pilgrim to that home On yonder bluish shore;

But soon we'll follow, dearest, Where parting shall be no more.

A FRIEND.

LISTEN TO THIS!

Secretary Hilleman, of Macedonia local writes that they have eleven active members, and that a committee composed of R. W. Taylor, E. M. Daugherty and Walter Wise to "examine the books." He continues: "The local contributed \$10.51 quarterly dues; paid \$17.40 for dues stamps and has on deposit in Fornefelt bank \$31.85—\$19 of which belongs to the Kicker defense fund. Now, let's hear from other secretaries of the county."

FROM FORNEFELT.

"Has anybody seen Rucker?" is the leading question among the business men here and at Illmo. A prominent Democratic politician was overheard humming, "Where, ach, where, let me leedle doge—yet?"

The offices of the K. P. lodge headquarters were down and had a public installation here at the M. E. church. From there they marched to Losse's hall, where supper was served.

Tom Turner, a former resident of this place is here shaking hands of old friends. He has been working in the employ of the D. & G. G. Ry. Co. at Denver, Colo.

Mr. and Mrs. A. Baudendistel gave a watch party Sunday night. Present were Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Moore, Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Myers, and Ralph Brisensten.

Max Wellputz, of this place, and Miss Linda Goldman of St. Louis were married by Rev. Hilpert, at the home of the groom on Christmas day.

The 2-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. John Rubel died on Monday of last week and was buried at the Lutheran cemetery the following day.

F. H. Schlueter of Mississippi, has moved here and will open up a hotel on the south side in the Georger Hotel building.

C. Wellputz, the baker, has purchased a bakery in Haarig, Cape Girardeau, and expects to start it up soon.

Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Roth gave a "watch party" Sunday night and all enjoyed themselves.

Chas. Hamm was at Benton on Thursday, and Ewalt Hamm is sick.

Geo. Klughart is here from Arkansas visiting his brother John. Wm. Uelsmann, of the hills, had business here Tuesday.

Joe Statter had business at Fornefelt Friday.

Fred Ristig of the Cape is here visiting relatives.

Otto Schoen spent Christmas at New Hamburg.

Mrs. Nick Scherer is seriously sick.

Ed. Keiser of Jackson is here.

FROM HEAD DISTRICT.
For December Head school had an enrollment of 29, with an average attendance of 24. The following pupils were present every day—Oscar, Arthur and Herbert Roth, Nellie Bates, Paul Uelsmann, Henry and Freddie Sander, Carl Roth, Augusta Elfert, Pauline Elfert and Hilda Uelsmann. A short program was rendered by the pupils Friday before Christmas and twelve visitors were present.

Christmas eve the children of the Lutheran school rendered an excellent program at the church, directed by their teacher, Theo. Schmidt. A beautiful Xmas tree had been decorated for the occasion. The church was too small to accommodate the crowd.

Henry Sprenger, who is attending the theological seminary at Springfield, Ill., spent the holidays with home folks.

Miss Martha Roth, who spent the holidays here with home-folks returned to the Cape Monday.

Miss Dora Mencke, who is attending school at the Cape, spent the holidays at home.

Miss Edna Guth of Chaffee visited her mother here during Xmas. Mrs. August Mushbach is sick.

FROM CHAFFEE.
Since the last letter a fire occurred here that destroyed the residence of R. W. Finley, J. Tittle and J. E. Belk. Mr. Finley lost all his household goods. A gasoline stove exploded and started the fire.

The Misses Estella Miller, Clara Boyd and L. Miller, and Bart and Earl Blocker and Robt. Morris attended the ball at Dutchtown Tuesday night of last week.

Burglars entered the home of Mrs. Jane Wylie and got \$185 worth of blood hounds were brought from Poplar Bluff, but did no good.

Otto Miller spent the holidays at Illmo and Kelo and returned accompanied by Miss Emma Enderle, who had also been visiting there.

A large crowd attended the play at the Air Dome Christmas night by home talent and all were pleased.

Haly & Allen have opened up a business in Meas's concrete building on Yakum ave.

Frank Grojean and family spent Xmas with his sister, Mrs. Nick Scherer, at Fornefelt.

Miss Tillie Eichorn of New Hamburg visited her sister, Mrs. Phil Heuring, last week.

Albert Redfern sold his place to Ike Kugman for \$700 and Albert will move to town.